

# New Jersey Clean Air Council Annual Public Hearing Indoor Air Quality

*Setting an Agenda for a Cleaner Future*

9:30 a.m., April 5, 2006

N.J. Department of Environmental Protection  
401 E. State St., Trenton, N.J.

*Jon S. Corzine, Governor Michael Egerton, Chairman*

## Clean Air Council 2006 Hearing

### Setting an Agenda for a Cleaner Future

The Clean Air Council of New Jersey invites you to attend its annual public hearing at 9:30 a.m. on April 5, 2006, in the public hearing room of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's offices in Trenton. Based on testimony offered during the hearing, the Council will be making recommendations to the DEP to address the impact of indoor air pollution on public health in New Jersey.

### The Challenge

- Poor indoor air quality (IAQ) is a public-health issue that affects the health, well-being and productivity of people at home, at school and at work.
- New Jersey residents spend as much as 90 percent of their time indoors.
- IAQ is affected by outdoor air pollution such as particulates, combustion by-products and volatile organic compounds.
- Indoor air levels of volatile organic compounds are often higher than outdoor levels because of their presence in consumer products, vehicle and small engine exhaust and fuel storage containers, all of which exist in and around homes, businesses, schools and other buildings.

- New Jersey schools and public sector workplaces have unique provisions under the N.J. Indoor Air Quality Standard for maintaining IAQ.
- Rising energy costs may increase the potential for IAQ problems due to reduced ventilation and increased use of alternative fuels such as wood and space heaters.
- Widespread public attention on mold contamination has forced businesses, schools and homeowners into new patterns of risk management.
- Recent changes in insurance limitations for mold abatement present new challenges for homeowners.
- Particulates, toxic gases and secondhand tobacco smoke can also degrade IAQ, especially in public eating establishments.

The Clean Air Council is an advisory body to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Each year the Council releases a report highlighting air quality issues affecting New Jersey. This year the Council is seeking information and public comment on productive strategies for minimizing the public health impacts of poor IAQ.

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*The 2006 Public Hearing is dedicated to the memory of Clean Air Council member Dr. Raymond Manganeli.  
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Questions for the Hearing

Specifically, the Clean Air Council plans to provide its recommendations on the following:

- What responsibilities should the DEP have for improving IAQ?
- What responsibilities should the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services and the Department of Community Affairs have for improving IAQ?
- How can New Jersey state, county and local agencies work in a coordinated fashion to improve IAQ in New Jersey?
- What, if any, new regulations would help New Jersey improve IAQ for its residents?

To aid the development of these recommendations, the Clean Air Council is seeking input on these questions during the public hearing. The hearing is also intended to address the following:

1. How does outdoor air quality affect IAQ? Are there significant geographic differences in New Jersey outdoor air pollution levels that may affect IAQ?
2. What are currently accepted scientific health impacts associated with sick-building syndrome and building-related illness?
3. What should New Jersey schools and public workplaces do to maintain good IAQ?
4. How will the recent smoking ban in indoor public places improve IAQ?

5. How does secondhand smoke affect IAQ in homes and other private locations?
6. What are the impacts of sulfur and nitrogen oxides and particles from home heating oil and wood-burning stoves on IAQ?
7. What are the IAQ impacts of small engine use and fuel storage in and around the home?
8. How important are volatile organic compound emissions from consumer products to IAQ?
9. What should be done immediately after a flood to minimize IAQ and mold risks? What are currently accepted guidelines for mold remediation in homes and businesses?

Hearing Procedures

The Clean Air Council has invited guest speakers who will address many of these topics and provide suggestions to help New Jersey meet its IAQ challenges. Interested New Jersey residents are invited and encouraged to participate.

Anyone wishing to attend and also testify during this public hearing is asked to complete the attached Notice of Intention to Attend and mail it to the Clean Air Council by March 15, 2006.

Those wishing to testify should also contact Ms. Sonia Evans at (609) 633-2007, via email at cac@dep.state.nj.us or by fax at (609) 984-6369. Presenters will be allowed 10 minutes and are asked to bring 25 copies of their remarks for use by Council members, the hearing transcriber and the press.

The hearing record will remain open until April 28, 2006, to allow for receipt of additional writ-

ten testimony. Such testimony may be mailed to the following address:

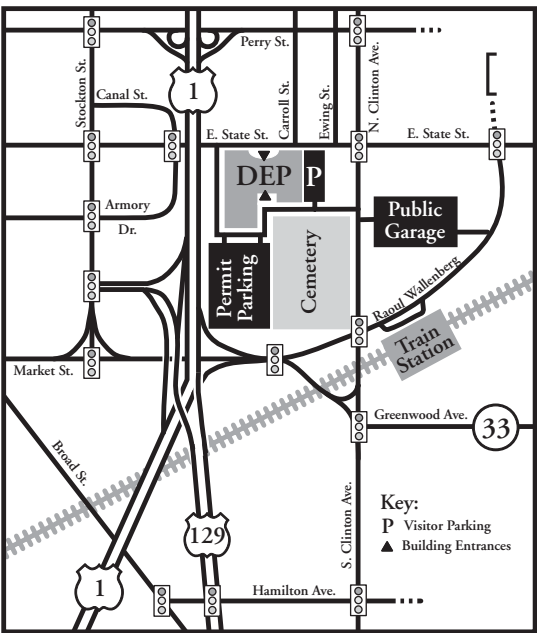
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The Clean Air Council

First convened in 1968, the Clean Air Council was created by the Legislature to make recommendations to the state of New Jersey on matters and programs pertaining to air pollution control.

For more information on the Clean Air Council, visit [www.nj.gov/dep/cleanair](http://www.nj.gov/dep/cleanair).

Directions to DEP



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Notice of Intention to Attend

- ☐ I plan only to attend the April 5, 2006, Clean Air Council public hearing.
- ☐ I plan to attend and to testify at the public hearing.

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